

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is filed with a two month extension of time, and authorization to charge the appropriate fee. The patent office is further authorized to charge Deposit Account Number 10-0750/VTN5035/KAH, \$504 to cover the cost of the additional seven independent claims added in this amendment. Support for new claims 29-35 may be found at page 3, lines 4-16.

Applicants note with appreciation Examiner's allowance of claim 6, which has been amended to be presented in independent format.

I. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Examiner rejected claims 1, 3 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Yokota et al. (US-145 or EP-911). Applicants have canceled claims 1 and 3 and amended claim 27 to recite a composition comprising N,N-bis[2-hydroxy-3-(3-(bis(trimethylsilyloxy)methylsilyl)propyloxy)propyl] acrylamide. US-145 does not disclose N,N-bis[2-hydroxy-3-(3-(bis(trimethylsilyloxy)methylsilyl)propyloxy)propyl] acrylamide. Accordingly, Applicants submit the rejection based upon 35 U.S.C. 102(b) has been traversed. US-145 does not disclose any of the compounds recited in new claims 29-35. Accordingly, Applicant submits that new claims 29-35 are novel over US-145.

III. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

Examiner rejected claims Claims 2, 4, and 5 under 35 U.S.C. 103 as unpatentable over Yokota et al. (US-145 or EP-911). Applicants have canceled claims 2, 4 and 5. The compounds in claims 27 and 29-35 are neither disclosed nor suggested in US-145. Accordingly, Applicants submit that amended claim 27 and new claims 29-35 are patentable over US-145.

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IV. Conclusions

Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing amendments and arguments have traversed the rejections. Withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the claims as amended is respectfully requested.

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